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SUBJECT: VP MUBARAK ON QADHAFI AND YAR EFFORTS
- MEDIATE EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN DIFFERENCES

(#) STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY CRITICIZING
SYRIANS AND SUGGESTING ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT EGYPTIAN/
LIBYAN MILITARY COMMAND. QADHAFI ALSO PROPOSED EGYPTIAN
AND LIBYAN MINISTERS OF WAR MEET AT SOLLUM. MUBARAK
LAUGHED AT QADHAFI'S LATEST OUTBURST AND NOTED WITH
SATISFACTION THAT IT INDICATES "REJECTIONIST FRONT" IS
BREAKING UP. HE CONFIRMED, HOWEVER, THAT NO SUCH QADHAFI
OFFER HAS BEEN FORMALLY RECEIVED. IF ONE IS RECEIVED,
WHICH HE RATHER DOUBTED, GOE WILL REJECT IT.

2. MUBARAK THEN SAID HE HAD MET TWO DAYS AGO WITH YAR
FONMIN ASNAG. LATTER HAD OFFERED MEDIATE EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN
TENSIONS. MUBARAK HAD REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD BE VERY
DIFFICULT. GOE HAS NO CONFIDENCE IN QADHAFI, WHO REMAINS
UNTRUSTWORTHY. GOE WOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO
SINCERE LIBYAN INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE RELATIONS, BUT
HAD SEEN NO SIGNS OF SUCH INITIATIVES. ON THE CONTRARY,
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QADHAFI SIMPLY APPEARED TO BE MANEUVERING FOR PUBLIC
ADVANTAGE. MUBARAK OPINED THAT HIS COMMENTS HAD DIS-
COURAGED ASNAG FROM ATTEMPTING ANY SUCH MEDIATION--AT
LEAST HE HOPED SO. EILTS

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